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<i>Texas v. Johnson</i> (1989)	1						Flagburning is protected speech under the 1st Amendment	1	American Flag: is a symbol like many others, without special import that demands protection; its desecration is not fighting words that would predictably cause violence; see dissent: "the flag is not simply another 'idea' or 'point of view' competing for recognition in the marketplace of ideas" (429); similar to desecration of the Lincoln Memorial, "the flag is itself a monument, subject to similar protection" "the government is simply recognizing as a fact the profound regard for the American flag"; "the Court decides that the American flag is just another symbol... for which the most minimal public respect may not be enjoined"; "the flag has "an intangible dimension" (Stevens 436)	409, 410	0									1
<i>Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dep of Health</i> (1990)	1						Missouri refusal to allow parents' judgment to stand for incompetent person, imposing preservation of life as the default standard, does not violate the liberty recognized by the 14th Amendment	1	Families: are no longer a good proxy for individual views; the old assumption that the best estimate of an individual's intent is their family's judgment is no longer true due to changes in family unity ("there is no automatic assurance that the view of close family members will necessarily be the same as the patient's would have been had she been confronted with the prospect of her situation while competent" [286, also quoted in dissent: "I cannot quarrel with this observation" 327])	281	0									0
<i>Employment Division v. Smith</i> (1990)	1						Neutral regulations that restrict religious practice do not violate the 1st Amendment	0												0
<i>Lee v. Weisman</i> (1992)	1						A religious exercise at a public school graduation is a violation of the Establishment Clause	1	School: is inherently coercive; "subtle coercive pressures exist" (588); "public, as well as peer pressure, on attending students to stand as a group or, at least, maintain respectful silence during the invocation and benediction. This pressure, though subtle and indirect, can be as real as any overt compulsion" (593); see dissent: "the Court invents a boundless, and boundlessly manipulable, test of psychological coercion" (632); "The Court's argument that state officials have 'coerced' students to take part in the invocation and benediction at graduation ceremonies is, not to put too fine a point on it, incoherent" (636)	588, 593	1	"Research in psychology supports the common assumption that adolescents are often susceptible to pressure from peers toward conformity"	593	1						1

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<i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> (2015)	1						1	Sexual Orientation: is innate; "their immutable nature dictates that same-sex marriage is their only real path to this profound commitment" (4)	Kennedy 4, 8	1	"only more recently have psychiatrists and others recognized that sexual orientation is a normal expression of human sexuality and immutable" (8)	8	1								1	
								Marriage: is of "transcendent importance" (4); "marriage is essential to our most profound hopes and aspirations" (4); "the nature of marriage is that, through its enduring bond, two persons together can find other freedoms, such as expression, intimacy, and spirituality" (13); "a two-person union unlike any other in its importance" (13); "keystone of our social order" (16); "building block of our national community" (16); "transcendent purposes of marriage" (17); "no union is more profound than marriage" (28)	Kennedy 3, 13, 16, 17, 28	0												
								Effect of Gay Marriages on Traditional Marriages: has no demonstrable negative influence; "the respondents have not shown a foundation for the conclusion that allowing same-sex marriage will cause the harmful outcomes they describe" (26)	Kennedy 26	0												
<i>King v. Burwell</i> (2015)	1						0	Section 36B of the ACA provides for subsidies under both federally-run and state-run exchanges														1
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